



THE CITY OF SAN DIEGO

**MAYOR
JERRY SANDERS
Science and Technology Commission's
Public WiFi Working Group
MEETING MINUTES**

The Public WiFi Working Group (PWWG) held a meeting on Monday, October 16, 2006, hosted by the City Planning and Community Investment Department, located at 600 B Street, San Diego, CA 92101.

- I. **CALL TO ORDER:** Subcommittee Members Present: Martha Dennis and ~~Tyler Orion~~. City Staff: Matt McGarvey, Chief Information Officer, Information, Technology and Communication Department; Steve Lastomirsky, Deputy City Attorney; Karen Lynch-Ashcraft, Development Services Department; Toni Dillon and Tina Hines Economic Development Division; Members of Public: Drew MacCullough, Socal Freenet, Marc Palumbo, Socal Freenet; Bill Griswold, UCSD; Eric Diverse, NETLOGIX.
- II. **PUBLIC COMMENT:** There was no public comment.
- III. **APPROVAL MINUTES FOR:** September 18, 2006, this item was tabled because only one Subcommittee Member was present.
- IV. **CHANGE OF SUBCOMMITTEE NAME:** Because new technologies will emerge and the term "WiFi" refers to a specific technology, Dr. Martha Dennis suggested that the PWWG should consider changing its name. After a brief discussion, the group suggested the Broadband Access Working Group (BAWG) be considered as a new name for this Subcommittee. The new name will be an item for discussion and approval at the next meeting of the Science and Technology Commission.
- V. **PUBLIC WIRELESS AND BEST MANAGEMENT PRACTICES:** The PWWG discussed business models and tiered access. This Subcommittee noted that the efforts of other cities such as Boston, Minneapolis, and Seattle could be reviewed. The group agreed that discounted service for students and low income households should be a component of a prospective business model for San Diego. Additionally, the network service coverage should be ubiquitous in all communities. A member of the public in attendance, Eric Daversa from NETLOGIX volunteered to provide information at the next Subcommittee Meeting detailing some business models used by other cities.
- VI. **UPDATE FROM CITY DEPARTMENTS AND AGENCIES:** Matt McGarvey stated that two vendors have made proposals to the City to host broadband access networks. The city of San Diego is 300 square miles; as such, both vendors want to focus on providing services to the heavily populated areas that are not isolated by topography. One of the vendors would like to build out an initial area, with a three year plan to build out the remaining areas.

McGarvey mentioned that the City has an expectation that any network design would be built by the chosen vendors. This network would be required to provide complete coverage. In response to questions about public safety communications services, this topic will not be addressed by this network. Public Safety networks are required to be extremely secure and to have redundancy as a backup. McGarvey stated that police and fire vehicles currently have access to the internet. He stated that the City's existing network could be extended with the replacement of outdated T-1.

McGarvey concluded that City is exploring the idea of being a host rather than a customer. The City is not in the position to own a municipal network. Potential service providers are interested in becoming wholesalers and providing back haul access.
- VII. **FUTURE AGENDA TOPICS:** It was agreed that the business models of other cities and outreach to stakeholders will be the focus of the December Subcommittee Meeting. It was decided that the November 17th meeting should be cancelled. The next Subcommittee Meeting is, Wednesday, December 13th from 9:00 to 11:00 A.M. The dates for the January and February meetings will be determined at the December 13th meeting.

VIII. ADJOURMENT: Being no further business the Subcommittee adjourned.

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